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In the Claims

Please add new claims 76-82 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i).

76. (new) A tantalum sputtering target blank comprising at least 99.95 weight percent tantalum and a substantially uniform crystallographic orientation {x,y,z} across a surface of the target; wherein x, y and z are integers, and wherein two or more of x, y and z can be the same as one another.

77. (new) The blank of claim 76 wherein the crystallographic orientation is {100}.

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